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what's happening at the bridge

Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help people

**Connect with God's people in your life
Connect with God's purpose in your life
Connect with God's passion for your life**

Ways to Connect with God's *mission* at the bridge

Thu. Mar. 19 - 1:00 pm - Chrismon Craft Small Group
Sun. Mar. 22 - 11:45 am - Connection Class
Thu. Mar. 19 – 1:00 – 4:00 pm – Chrismon Craft group
Fri. Mar. 27 – 10:00 am – Book Club Small Group
Fri. Apr. 3 – 1:00 pm – Women of the bridge
Sun. Apr. 5 – [Palm Sunday Services at 9:00 am and 10:30 am](#)
Mon. Apr. 6 – 2:00 pm – Leland House Worship
Thu. Apr. 9 – 6:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Service
Fri. Apr. 10 – Noon – Good Friday Service
Sun. Apr. 12 – [Easter Sunday Services at 9:00 am and 10:30 am](#)

Available Sermon Based Small Groups - Beginning March 1st

Sun. - 11:45 am - Warnock Room at the bridge - Facilitators - Jerry and Teresa Pierce
Mon.- 10:00 am - Room A at the bridge - Facilitator - Cathy Purves
Tue. - 4:00 pm - Room A at the bridge - Facilitators - Tom and Greer Broadwater
Tue. - 6:30 pm - at 242 Windchime Way (Mag. Greens) - Facilitator - Barbara Hedin
Wed.- 7:00 pm - at 1004 Rosea Ct. (Mag. Greens) Co-Facilitators Ruth Hepner/Fran Rumpf
Thu. - 6:30 pm - 2179 Talmage Dr. (Br. Forest) - Co-Facilitator - Wanda Batten/Charlie Riddle

Weekly Small Groups

Mon. - 6:00 pm - Boy Scouts and SOS (Siblings of Scouts)
Tue. - 10:00 am - Sleep Mats for Homeless
Tue. - 7:00 pm - Bridge to Serenity (Al-Anon Group) Meeting
Tue. - 7:00 pm - New Attitudes (A.A. Group) Meeting
Wed. - 8:00 am - Men's Prayer and Share Small Group
Sat. - 7:00 pm - New Attitudes (A.A. Group) Meeting
Sun. - 7:30 pm - There is a Solution (A.A. Group) Meeting

The bridge Core Habits

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at **the bridge**? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group -
Give generously - Cherish children -
Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

Worship Weekly

Date: March 15, 2020

Title: Unanticipated Good News: It's About A Cross

Text: Mark 8: 27 - 38



Questions:

- When you think of the phrase 'Fake News,' what comes to mind?
- Why do you think Peter (and the other disciples) might have heard Jesus' announcement of his impending suffering and death as 'Fake News?'
- In Mark 8 Jesus asked his disciples: 'Who do you think I am?' How would you answer that question?



bridge "Notes" from Patty

I really enjoyed searching for our two "Easter Choir" songs for Easter Sunday. If you haven't signed up, please listen to this video and then invite everyone with a voice to join us. Are there people in your neighborhood that love to sing? Although we won't have a full orchestra at The *bridge*... yet....the words alone are enough to shake the earth around us. According to my Easter music research, there are many churches singing this song for Easter. I can feel the power of the God at work through this song acknowledging his worthiness. We rehearse Thursday at 5:00 starting March 19th. I ordered 25 copies and I don't mind ordering more. The bigger the better! Please listen to this arrangement. I'll see you Sunday.

<https://youtu.be/ycRsvb-6oG0>

Easter Sunday Choir

*Performing 2 contemporary selections with
The bridge Praise Band
on Easter Sunday April 12th
(youth and adults all ages)
Rehearsals on Thursdays at 5:00
March 19-April 9th
(Sign up Sheet on the information table)*

Contact Patty at patty.lyerly@gmail.com with any questions

Pray Daily



- All those in our country and around the world affected by the coronavirus

Welcome and Include Everyone

Servers for Sunday, March 15th



Ushers

9:00 am - Bob Dixon, Bob Knerr, Harry and Ethel Adams

10:30 am – Phil and Arleen Godshall, Jerry and Teresa Pierce



Greeters

9:00 am - Ethel Adams, Sandy Kotch, Dave and Jan Steffenauer

10:30 am - Arleen Godshall, Charlynnne Caillaud



Connecting Partners

9:00 am - Kathy Dixon

10:30 am - Suzanne Veen and Joyce Roberts

Give Generously

Last Sunday, March 8, 2020

Attendance	125	(4-week average)
Offering	\$ 4,853	(4-week average)
Offering	\$ 5,130	(8-week average)
Actual Attendance	136	
Actual Offering	\$ 4,749	



Connections Class

Sunday - March 22nd

11:45 am (immediately after 2nd service)

Would you like to learn more about *the bridge*? Please join us for an informal information session hosted by the Connections Team, Sunday, March 22ND, immediately following the second service. This a wonderful opportunity to get to know more about *the bridge* and spend some time getting to know our Pastor, Doug Cushing, and others who are new to our church family. Doug will discuss how our church was started and God's mission for *the bridge*. He will give us an overview of our 8 core habits and how these core habits connect with the ministry teams. Doug will share some of our plans for helping our community and growing our church. He will also discuss how you can join our mission by becoming a Covenant Partner when you are ready to do so.

We invite anyone who has worshiped with us and wants to learn more to consider this time of fellowship and information. We also encourage current members to accompany those they have introduced to *the bridge*. Your experience and support will help us make everyone feel welcome and truly part of our church family.

We will provide a light lunch, so it is important to RSVP if you are interested in coming so that we can plan. You can sign up by contacting Wanda in the church office, by using the signup sheet on the long table in the lobby or by emailing thebridgepres@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming another great group to our church family!!

Serve Our Community

Brunswick County Street Reach



Many thanks to everyone who contributed to Brunswick County Streetreach in February. We collected \$1015.00 in food gift cards and monetary donations to assist the homeless in Brunswick County. Donna and Garry Phelps who organize this program, are very appreciative. They are still housing 20 people. This need by our Sustainable Mission Partner was unexpected.

Your Mission Team is especially thankful for your generosity and support.



North Carolina Association of Free & Charitable Clinics

Our featured Sustainable Mission Partner for March is the New Hope Clinic.

This non-profit organization provides free medical, dental and pharmacy care to low income, uninsured, Brunswick County adults. With a volunteer staff of healthcare professionals, they provide nearly 6,000 patient encounters annually.

Sheila Roberts, the Executive Director, will visit with us Sunday, March 8th to tell us about volunteer opportunities. Our suggested mission projects are spring cleaning of the yard around their clinic, and collecting items that are needed by their office staff and patients.

Please see list below. Since the blood pressure monitors and personal compressors are pricey, please consider purchasing them as a small group project. There will be a bin for donations located near the back by the name badges.

The yard clean up will be planned in late March or April.

As always, your participation in mission projects is voluntary, but greatly appreciated.

Your Mission Team

New Hope Clinic Wish List

Cool Mist Compressor System for Home and Travel Use for Adults and Kids by LSBZ
or Personal Compressor System Machines

Omron 5 Series Upper Arm Blood Pressure Monitor, 2-User, 100 Reading Memory
or Upper Arm Automatic Blood Pressure Monitors

MedtFine Insulin Pen Needles (31G 8mm)

MedtFine Insulin Pen Needles (32G 4mm)

Pill Organizers- 7 day/ 4 times a day

Post-it Message Flags "Sign Here" assorted colors, bold arrow points

Post-it Super Sticky Rio de Janeiro Colors 3x3 notes

3x3 inches yellow self stick notes

Heavy duty can liners-clear 56 gallon 1.2 ml

Instead of shopping for blood pressure monitors or personal compressors, you can make a check out to New Hope Clinic and designate an item on the memo line.

The Gospel Like You've Never Heard It

One man. Many characters. All the words.

The Gospel According to Mark
by Ashley Strand

April 17, 7pm
Admission: \$10
bridge.brownpapertickets.com

Bridge Presbyterian Church
497 Olde Waterford Way, #205
Leland, NC



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On Friday, April 17th at 7PM the bridge is going to be presenting the Gospel of Mark like you have never heard it before thru the acting skills of local actor Ashley Strand. Strand brings to life the many characters and the gorgeous language of the Gospel of Mark in his solo performance. The Bible was written to be spoken aloud, for largely an illiterate audience, in a style as vivid as its stories, proverbs and prophecies. And that's why it works perfectly as a play. Mark is the shortest of the gospels, it includes neither the story of Jesus' birth, nor his sermons, but it is a spare account of his mission, from baptism to his death and resurrection.

Ashley Strand has performed locally in Mama Mia and Shakespeare in Love with Opera House Theater Co, as well as Shakespearean dramas with Alchemical Theater group.

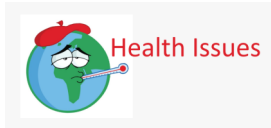
Tickets sales will start on Sunday, March 22 at both services. They can also be purchased online at bridge.brownpapertickets.com for a slight fee. Cash price is \$10.00, and seating is limited by our space. This is a perfect opportunity for you to invite your friends or neighbors to a night of true entertainment at the bridge.



Disaster Recovery News

The Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM), is looking for volunteers to help with construction projects in northeast Brunswick County. WARM's mission is to repair, rebuild, and make homes accessible, and to inspire service, generosity, and hope. To get on the volunteer mailing list and receive a list of work opportunities for the following weeks contact the volunteer coordinator, Lindsay Miles, at 910-399-7563 or Lindsaymiles@warmnc.org. Choose the days and the amount of time you can volunteer to work. Bring lunch and drink to the work site. WARM has tools and professional staff to guide and help volunteers regardless of skill level.

Save The Date: This is a reminder about the Brunswick County Hurricane EXPO on Saturday, April 25th, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at St. Brendan's Catholic Church on Rt. 17 in Shallotte. Volunteers from **the bridge** are going to be needed for greeters, parking attendants, and the un-met needs registration table. Look for a sign up sheet on one of the clip boards.



Keeping the bridge Healthy

Information on the spread of flu and the corona virus changes daily. That fluidity and misinformation continue to cause concern and uncertainty. The CDC site [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/index.html) provides daily factual updates which also include risk assessments and recommendations for everyday preventative actions. The World Health Organization site www.who.int also offers rolling updates, situation reports, and travel advice. Those worried about travel plans can also get information from the State Department Travel Advisory at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/worldwide-caution.html>

. Below are the CDC recommendations:

FLU & Virus Prevention

1. Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too. NOTE: Masks are for those who are ill, not those who are well.

2. Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.

3. Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Flu and other serious respiratory illnesses, like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), whooping cough, and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), are spread by cough, sneezing, or unclean hands.

4. Clean your hands.

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer.

5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

6. Practice other good health habits.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

For Work or Meetings

- Routinely clean frequently touched objects and surfaces, including doorknobs, keyboards, light switches, handrails, and phones to help remove germs.
- Make sure the facility has an adequate supply of tissues, soap, paper towels, alcohol-based hand rubs, and disposable wipes.
- Train others on how to do your job or conduct your meeting so they can cover for you in case you or a family member gets sick and you need to stay home.
- If you begin to feel sick while at work or during a meeting, go home as soon as possible!
- As the situation develops, know your organization's plans for dealing with an outbreak e.g. communicating schedule changes, instituting new procedures, taking additional precautions.

Belong to a Small Group

Our new Sermon Based Small Groups (SBSG) began the week of March 1st. The Series **The Gospel of Mark : Unexpected Good News** will run for 7 weeks; through the week of April 12th.

Cherish Children

bridge Builders, our Sunday morning children's program, is located in suite 206 during the 10:30 service. A nursery for infants and toddlers is also provided during the 10:30 service

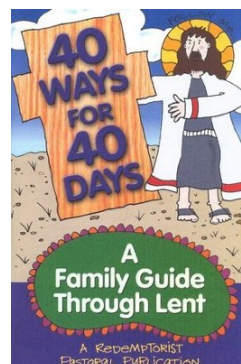
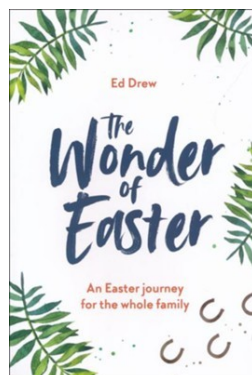
Sunday March 15th:



Teacher: Tom and Greer Broadwater

Toddlers/Babies: Jan Steffenauer and Page Humphreys

Lent Devotional Ideas for Families



Misc. Announcements

Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge - March



Fran Rumpf	1
John Vernon	8
Cathy Boettcher	10
Ben Lindsey	10
Richard Hepner	14
Cindy Rupprecht	14
Violet Stevens	17
Carol Nelson	28
Susan Stanewick	31



Sleep Mats for the Homeless



Thank you for your support with bags for our Sleep Mats that are made and given to the homeless through Street Reach.

At this time, we would ask you to hold all bags until the coronavirus pandemic has passed.

We will let you know when we are able to accept more bags.

Thank you,

The Sleep Mat Group

Mary Campbell



Bridge Community Bulletin Board